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PUCHEA

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1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS INTERVIEW WITH CAMBODIAN REFUGEE,
SOURCE I. END SUMMARY

2. SOURCE I, 36, WAS A TEACHER IN BATTAMBANG BEFORE APRIL,
1975. AFTERWARD HE BECAME A FARMER "LIKE EVERYONE ELSE."
HE FLED TO THAILAND MAY 16, 1978. HIS ACCOUNT FOLLOWS:

2. QTE CONDITIONS OF LIFE IN DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA. WE
HAD 300 GRAMS OF RICE FOR THREE PERSONS PER DAY THROUGH

1975-78. LIFE WAS MISERABLE. WE HAD ONLY HERBAL MEDICINES.
THERE WAS NO SCHOOL SYSTEM. THE CHILDREN ARE NOT TAUGHT TO
READ AND WRITE, ONLY TO WORK.

3. QTE EXECUTIONS. IN 1975 THERE WERE 1,200 PEOPLE IN MY
VILLAGE. THERE ARE ABOUT 900 THERE NOW. THE FORMER MILITARY,
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PROFESSORS, STUDENTS, AND RICHER FARMERS WERE KILLED BY POLES
REGULARLY SINCE 1975. SOMETIMES, THEY ARE SIMPLY TAKEN
AWAY. OTHER TIMES, YOU ARE WARNED FIRST, THEN KILLED.

4. QTE ON APRIL 24, 1975, AT THMAR KUL, ALL OFFICERS,
ABOUT 1,000, INCLUDING TWO OF MY BROTHERS, WERE MASSED
TOGETHER IN A WAREHOUSE. THEY WERE ORDERED TO TAKE OFF

THEIR SHIRTS, THEN TIED TOGETHER, AND THEN SHOT AND
KILLED. THEIR WIVES AND CHILDREN WERE NOT HARMED AS
FAR AS I KNOW. END QTE
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